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To: CDD District Manager, All Field Managers

Attention: All Fire Management Officers

From: State Director

Subject: Fire Workforce Resource Availability

In preparation for the current fire season, which is expected to be a very active fire season for the nation, the Director has requested that we make our Wildland firefighting resources available at the national level when they are not needed at the local level. (See attached memorandum)

California is already experiencing an active fire season and with the drought in the Southern half of the State, we are predicting a long fire season. With these thoughts in mind, I am asking you to not only make our Wildland firefighting resources available, but that all other qualified personnel are made available to fill Red Carded overhead and other fire support positions. This is for local and statewide level fire support, as well as the support being requested nationally.

Any questions regarding this IB can be directed to Ed Wehking, State Fire Management Officer at (916) 978-4431.

Signed by:Authenticated by:Mike PoolRichard A. EricksonState DirectorRecords Management

Attachment:

Director's Memorandum (1pp)

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Washington, D.C. 20240

May 28, 2002

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MEMORANDUM

To:

State/Center Directors

From:

Director, Bureau of Land Management

Subject:

Resource Availability

This spring is showing indications that we may be facing an above average fire season across much of the nation. Drought conditions in the Southwest, Rockies and East Coast have set the stage for a potentially active fire season in those areas.

We appreciate the commitment and hard work by you and your employees to ensure local personnel are trained and ready to contribute to the fire workforce this season. Your efforts to prepare for the fire season are essential to successful suppression activities.

As in active fire seasons in the past, when your wildland firefighting resources are not needed at the local level, it is expected that they will be made available at the national level. The national fire situation requires that we all be ready to supply personnel or equipment when called upon.

Your willingness to provide firefighting resources to respond to wildland fires throughout the country can make an important difference. Personnel and equipment that you provide will fulfill the vital responsibility of protecting lives, communities and natural resources throughout the country.

Helping each other out in times of need is a longstanding tradition in the fire community. We thank you for your willingness to cooperate and help whenever and wherever it is needed.

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